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SUBJECT: SECRETARY SIMON'S ITINERARY AFTER COMMERCIAL COMMISSION
MEETING

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1. DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER ALKHIMOV TOLD AMBASSADOR MARCH 29 THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED SECRETARY SIMON'S ITINERARY WITH MINISTER PATOLICHEV PREVIOUS AFTERNOON, FOLLOWING TALK WITH AMBASSADOR ON THAT SUBJECT EARLIER IN DAY (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO ALKHIMOV, PATOLICHEV EMPHATICALLY DELCARED THAT SECRETARY'S POST-MOSCOW ITINERARY SHOULD INCLUDE ONLY KIEV AND TASHKENT (SAMARKAND). PATOLICHEV EVIDENTLY FEELS YALTA WOULD BE DULL AND RELATIVELY UNPLESANT AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, PARTICULARLY IF WEATHER WERE RAINY.

2. IN LIGHT OF EVIDENT SOVIET AVERSION TO SECRETARY'S VISITING YALTA AT THIS TIME, EMBASSY FEELS THAT GRACEFUL ACQUIESENCE TO SOVIETS WISHES IN THIS MATTER MAY BE BEST WAY TO RESOLVE ITINERARY QUESTION. IF, HOWEVER, SECRETARY SIMON STRONGLY DESIRES VISIT YALTA, EMBASSY WILL OF COURSE PURSUE THIS LINE
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